

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all listings of claims:

1-58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently Amended) A method of tinting a masonry surface, comprising:
applying a slurry to a masonry surface comprising a clay brick to form a slurry-coated clay brick, wherein said slurry comprising an aqueous suspension of water, clay, sand, flux, and no added colorants or oxides;

firing said slurry-coated ~~and said~~ clay brick, thereby bonding said slurry to said clay brick to form a masonry product, wherein a flux level is selected to prevent the slurry from glassing when the slurry-coated clay brick is fired; and

applying a tinting composition to said masonry product surface after said firing, such that said tinting composition colours said masonry product surface.

60. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said clay comprises kaolin or a ball clay.

61. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said flux is selected from the group consisting of glass cullet, feldspar powder, ~~clay suspension sources~~, fire clay, potassium carbonates, and sodium carbonates.

62. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said flux comprises glass cullet or potassium carbonates.

63. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 59, wherein adding sand to the slurry increases pore volume of an external surface of the clay brick.

64. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 59, comprising adding sand to the slurry after the slurry is applied to an exposed surface of the clay brick.

65. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 64, wherein said adding comprises spraying an application of ~~[[fine]]~~ dried sand.

66. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 59, comprising incorporating sand into the slurry as it de-waters on a brick column during an extrusion process.

67. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said slurry further comprises a surfactant.

68. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 59, comprising applying a full and even coverage of slurry to external surfaces of said clay brick.

69. (Currently Amended) A method of tinting a masonry surface, comprising: applying a slurry to a masonry surface comprising a clay brick to form a slurry-coated clay brick, wherein said slurry comprising an aqueous suspension of water, clay, flux, and no added colorants or oxides;

spraying sand into the slurry as ~~[[it]]~~ the slurry de-waters on the clay brick;

firing said ~~slurry and said~~ slurry-coated clay brick, thereby bonding said slurry to said clay brick to form a masonry product; and

applying a tinting composition to said masonry product surface ~~after said firing~~, such that said tinting composition colours said masonry product surface.

70. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a reactive surface on a clay brick, comprising:

applying a slurry to a masonry surface comprising a clay brick to form a slurry-coated clay brick, wherein said slurry comprising an aqueous suspension of water, clay, sand, flux, and no added colorants or oxides; and

firing said ~~slurry and said~~ slurry-coated clay brick, thereby bonding said slurry to said clay brick, wherein a flux level is selected to prevent the slurry from glassing when the slurry-coated clay brick is fired.

71. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said tinting composition comprises an acrylic latex or alkyd emulsion base.

72. (NEW) A method according to Claim 69, wherein said tinting composition comprises an acrylic latex or alkyd emulsion base.